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LOCATION OF INFECTED RATS.

February 4, 1 infected rat from hotel, Edward street, and 1 from boarding house, Roma street; February 6, 1 infected rat from grocer, George street, 1 from hotel, Edward street, same premises, and 1 from cabinetmaker, Charlotte street; February 7, 1 infected rat from fishdealer, Victoria, S. Brisbane; February 8, 1 infected rat from grocer, George street; February 9, 2 infected rats from grocer, George street, same premises; February 10, 1 infected rat from wholesale fruit merchant, Makers-ton street, and 1 from hotel, George street.

BUNDABERG.

On the 3d instant a man, 26 years of age, died at Woongarra, Bundaberg. Post-mortem examination of the body and the bacteriological investigation made of specimens, which were forwarded to Brisbane, proved the case to have been one of bubonic plague.

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
Sydney, January 25, 1905.

BUBONIC PLAGUE—CLARENCE RIVER DISTRICT.

Bulletin 1.

On January 7, 1905, plague was recognized in a patient living at Ulmarra on the Clarence River. He was removed to isolation in hospital at Grafton. The premises he occupied were disinfected. Search for plague rats was at once begun by an experienced staff.

On January 22 a further case was reported in the person of James Donaldson, who also lived at Ulmarra. He was removed to isolation in hospital at Grafton. The premises he had occupied were immediately disinfected.

(These two cases have already been reported.)

On January 24 a further case was reported in a person who lived at Cowper within the same municipality. The patient has been transported to isolation at Grafton.

The measures taken to destroy rats were carried out by a local staff under direction, as regards catching, of expert rat catchers sent from Sydney. Examination of the rats found was conducted by an experienced laboratory assistant, also sent from Sydney, under direction of an assistant medical officer of Government in charge of the epidemic. Plague rats were found at a wharf on the river and in central buildings at Ulmarra. They were also found in the neighborhood of Cowper.

It should be noted that the municipality of Ulmarra is 300 miles north of Sydney, and that the infection, whether of rats or man, is confined to it.

Plague is a notifiable disease in the State of New South Wales.

From this date weekly bulletins will be regularly issued.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*